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JAPANESE CHURCH LAUNCHES TRAINING PROGRAM

NEW YORK -- The Anglican Church in Japan is seeking to translate its experience in rapid industrialization into learnings for developing nations.

Under the auspices of the Bishop Channing Moore Williams Fund, the Holy Catholic Church of Japan (Nippon Seikokai) is establishing a Visiting Researcher/Training Program that will begin this year. The plan offers full scholarship, a small stipend and a two year program at one of the Anglican educational institutions.

The primary focus will be on technological fields and the project seeks young (under 35) applicants from Latin America, Asia and Africa.

The Rev. Kenneth Heim, an American priest with a long association with the Church in Japan, is special assistant to the president of St. Paul's (Rikkyo) University which will oversee the program. Heim notes that Japan is in a good position to offer this service because of its rapid transition from largely agricultural to industrial-technological society.

"That development had both desirable and undesirable effects on Japanese society. Coming from nations now engaged in their own technological development, the researchers can be observers and learners not only of what is safe and good in technological development, but also what is dangerous and bad. They can take home lessons that may be helpful there as well as bring the gift of their own culture and Christian faith."

One trainee will be accepted for this year and two or three others in the years following. All trainees will receive language training for six months before the start of the academic year in September. The stipend is approximately \$750 US a month. Inquiries should be directed to: Office of the President, Rikkyo University, 3-Chome, Nishi Ikebukuro, Toshima-Ku, Tokyo, 171, Japan.

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